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FOREWORD

This handbook is prepared and published in order to give each student an adequate source of information about their school and its activities. Any worthy institution will in the course of years come to stand for practice, customs and ideals which will give it a spirit and character of its own. This handbook represents an effort on the part of the Student Council to relate all the facts about Pearl River Junior College in order that the members of the student body may more fully understand and appreciate their school and the ideals for which it stands.

The editors of this edition are the first to admit that there will probably be many items inadvertently left out which would be of value. However it is hoped that this issue will be useful to all students. If this effort solves some problem for the student and creates better understanding between students, faculty and administration it will have more than deserved its publication.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pearl River Junior College has many years of outstanding achievement as an educational institution. We are proud of the fine young men and women who were trained here and who have taken their places in society as productive and contributing citizens. They have set a high standard for all who follow them here. The record of our school in the past has been good, but the real test of a school is that it continues to make a better record than was made the previous year. That is our goal for this year. That is possible if every student does his part in improving his record.

We welcome back all who were here last year. To those who are entering here for the first time, we wish to say: "Welcome to Pearl River College". All of us here sincerely hope that your time here will be both pleasant and profitable to you.

I would remind each of you that you are not children any longer. You are now young men and women. You will be treated as such while you are here. You will be expected to conduct yourselves as young ladies and gentlemen. We have no place for any other type of student on the campus.

Our school deserves your highest loyalty, and the school owes its best effort to each student. Through wholehearted cooperation, we may reach the highest goal in scholarship, leadership, and fellowship, as well as excel in other fields of friendly, sportsmanlike competition.

Garvin Johnston



STUDENT COUNCIL 1954-1955

President	Joe Thrash
Vice-President	Jerry McMurray
Secretary-Treasurer	Betty Lou Courtney
Sophomore Representative	Gaspar Abene
Freshman Representative	Bobby Joe Burge
Senior Representative	Harry Garrett
Junior Representative	Johnny Hall
Faculty Sponsor	Graham McDonald

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

As President and President-Elect of the Pearl River Junior College Student Body Association, it gives us pleasure to welcome all of you, both new and returning students, to our school for the 1955-56 session.

It is the function of the Student Council to serve the student body, but little can be accomplished without the help of the entire student body. We ask your cooperation and support in all the undertakings of the year so that P. R. C. may continue to be the progressive, friendly school we think it is. We hope your active participation in all phases of the school's program will make your year here profitable and happy.

This handbook is designed to answer many of the questions you will ask during your first days here. We hope you will find it useful in becoming adjusted to your place of citizenship on this campus.

Through the combined efforts of students, faculty, and administration, may this be the best year in the history of Pearl River Junior College.

Joe Thrash
Student Council Pres. 1954-55

J. B. Spiers
Student Council Pres.-Elect 1955-56

Graham McDonald
Student Council Sponsor

CALENDAR FOR SESSION 1955-56**First Semester**

September 1, Thursday, 2:00 . Faculty Meeting

September 4, Sunday Dormitories Open

September 5, Monday . . Orientation of College
Freshmen

All freshmen students are to assemble in the library promptly at 9:30 a. m. for counseling and placement test.

Registration 8:30 - 2:30 . High School Students and Sophomores

September 6, Tuesday . 8:30 - 2:30 Registration of College freshmen. All freshmen are to assemble promptly in auditorium at 8:30 a. m. for instruction. Registration will be in the library.

September 7, Wednesday, 8:30 . Class Work Begins

September 9, Friday, classification complete. Changes may be made with permission of classification committee.

October 4, Friday First Term Ends

November 25, Friday . . . Second Term Ends

November 23, Wednesday 12 noon - November 28,
8:15 a. m. Thanksgiving

December 16, 12 noon -

January 2, 8:15 Christmas Holidays

January 20, Friday First Semester Ends

Second Semester

January 21, Saturday	Second Semester Begins
March 2, Friday	Fourth Term Ends
April 13, Friday	Fifth Term Ends
May 20, Sunday, 11:00 a. m.	Baccalaureate Sermon
May 20, Sunday, 5:00 p. m.	Graduation Exercises
May 25, Friday	Session Closes

Summer Session 1956

June 4—July 7	First Term
July 9—August 11	Second Term

BOARD CALENDAR 1955-56

The boarding department is operated on the basis of a school month of four weeks. Board is due and payable at the beginning of each school month as follows:

September 5	First Month
October 3	Second Month
October 31	Third Month
November 28	Fourth Month
January 9	Fifth Month
February 6	Sixth Month
March 5	Seventh Month
April 2	Eighth Month
April 30	Ninth Month

Fees and tuition are payable by the semester, one-half at time of registration and the balance at the beginning of the second semester. See schedule of payment of fees.

PEARL RIVER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Pearl River Junior College has the distinction of being the pioneer junior college in the state of Mississippi. For almost half a century it has provided educational opportunities and leadership to the people of this area. Its graduates now occupy places of importance in all walks of life in the state.

The school began operation in 1912 as the Pearl River County Agricultural High School. At that time there were very few high schools and transportation facilities were limited. Therefore it was necessary to provide a boarding school to accommodate the students of the area. This school was one of the first agricultural high schools to be chartered in the state.

By 1926 many local high schools had developed to meet the needs of their communities and the need for a boarding high school had begun to diminish. Local educational leaders saw the possibilities of utilizing the existing school plant for a greater educational need and the school was re-organized under the name of Pearl River Junior College.

Under able leaders the growth of the school has been steady and every effort has been made to meet the educational needs of this area. Following World War II the school developed a special students' program, vocational courses, and increased the academic offering to meet the needs of the men returning from military service. Recent additions to the curriculum have been a cosmetology course and an accelerated business course.

Poplarville, the home of Pearl River Junior College, is in the heart of the Tung Tree Belt. It is easily reached by rail, auto, or bus being located 40 miles south of Hattiesburg and 79 miles north of

New Orleans on the Southern Railway. The campus is bounded by U. S. Highway No. 11 on the east and state highway No. 26 on the south. The towns civic organizations and churches actively support the school in its educational efforts.

Pearl River Junior College has had an active part in the development of South Mississippi. Every indication is that it will continue to offer educational leadership in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

ACADEMIC

Students are requested to refer to general catalogue for academic information, a summary of which is given below:

Scholarship:

This is the chief business of the student. It is attained through regular, systemized, and purposeful study.

Classification:

Eleventh grade, a student who has earned eight units.

Twelfth grade, a student who has earned eleven units.

Freshman, one who has earned less than twenty-four semester hours.

Sophomore, one who has earned twenty-four semester hours.

Classifications are not changed during the session.

Grades:

Grades are reported at the end of each six weeks period. The grading system is as follows:

A, Excellent; B, Good; C, Average; D, Poor; E, Conditional Failure; I, Incomplete; F, Failure; WP, Withdrawn Passing; WF, Withdrawn Failing; Courses dropped without permission, F.

A student who fails to pass nine semester hours of work during a six-week's term is put on probation. If he fails to pass nine semester hours during a semester he is subject to suspension for one semester for academic failure.

Absences:

Students are expected to attend all regular classes and chapel periods. Absences due to sickness are excused when certified to by the proper authorities. All unexcused absences deduct points from semester grades. Each unexcused absence from chapel will cause a deduction of one quality point from the student's record. After an absence, a student must get an admission slip from the proper authority. All absences are recorded on student's permanent record.

Unexcused absences immediately preceeding or following a holiday will count as two absences.

High school students are to report promptly to library or other assignments during periods not in class.

A student who is absent from a class twelve times or more during a semester will be barred from semester examinations without special permission from the administrative committee.

Change of Schedule:

Schedules are considered permanent after the first week of any semester and cannot be changed without special permission from the

proper authority. A fee of fifty cents will be charged for any change of schedule. A student who drops a course without permission will receive an F on the course and be subject to discipline. No student will be permitted to drop the course in Freshman English.

Withdrawal:

For an honorable withdrawal a student must get a withdrawal slip from the Registrar and follow instructions. Otherwise, a student is marked F for all subjects taken, and forfeits his right for any refunds.

Requirements for Graduation:

From high school, sixteen units as outlined in the catalogue. From college, completion of one of the groups of studies as outlined in catalogue with a minimum of sixty academic hours, with sixty quality points, and four non-academic hours, one in library science and orientation. Groups in Agriculture and Pre-Engineering require more. **Be sure to see the catalogue** relative to graduation. The student is responsible for making application for graduation at specified time.

GENERAL POLICIES FOR BOARDING AND DAY STUDENTS

It is a policy of Pearl River College to give to the students of this school as much responsibility and freedom of activity as they are willing and able to accept. To conceive of freedom as the mere removal of external restraint is to seriously misinterpret its meaning. Only those who control themselves through intelligence are free. To grow in freedom is to become able to replace external restraints by intelligent self-control.

The administration of Pearl River College is based upon the theory that young men and young

women who are old enough to be in senior high school and junior college should be capable of conducting themselves in accordance with accepted standards of conduct. Human behavior has always required intelligent control and restraint, either from without or from within the individual. It is our goal to develop this control from within the student so that he will be willing to accept the responsibilities and the consequences of his decisions.

We have no policies or regulations to which a young lady or gentleman interested in using their time here at school wisely will object.

Each student is expected to be in class every day unless there is a justifiable reason for his absence.

Drinking intoxicating beverages, gambling, the possession of or shooting of fireworks will not be tolerated on the campus nor in the buildings. Students violating these regulations will **forfeit the right** to attend school here.

Hazing, including the cutting of hair, possession of firearms, and the use of obscene language is prohibited. Students violating this policy will be subject to severe discipline measures.

When a student has shown himself to be undesirable, he may be asked to withdraw in the best interest of the school.

Under the direction of the faculty committee, formal and informal dances are held in the school gymnasium. The dances are sponsored by the various organizations. Students with the approval of the faculty committee may invite their friends to these dances.

All dances except the homecoming dance will be from 8:00 to 11:00 p. m.

Policies for Men Dormitory Students

The following regulations are to be complied with. Students who cannot comply will not be allowed to remain in the dormitory.

(1) A study period will be observed from 7:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

(2) Quiet is to be maintained from 10:00 p. m. until 6:30 a. m. to promote sleep and rest.

(3) Radios are to be tuned low at all times and are not permitted in windows.

(4) Students living in dormitory rooms are held responsible for the care of their room and the furniture and will be required to pay for any damage done.

(5) Damage done to halls or bathrooms will be charged to students living on the floor on which the damage is done unless the person responsible for the damage admits having done it.

(6) Students are expected to clean and sweep their rooms daily. Beds are to be made up daily and sheets changed as often as necessary to meet sanitary standards.

(7) Each room is provided with a broom and dust pan. Trash must not be swept into the halls.

(8) Furniture is inventoried in the rooms and must not be moved from or into rooms without permission of the dean of men.

(9) Students are not to drive tacks or nails into the walls or in any way damage or deface the rooms or furniture. Electrical appliances are to be used only by permission of the dormitory supervisor.

(10) Students living in dormitories and keeping an automobile on the campus must obtain permission of the dean of men to do so.

(11) Drinking, gambling, possession of or shooting fireworks are shipping offenses.

(12) Rooms will be inspected daily between 9:00 a. m. and 12:00 noon.

Policies For Women Dormitory Students

Young ladies attending Pearl River Junior College are expected to be ladies with all that the word implies. They are allowed as much freedom as possible without encroaching on the rights of their neighbors or lowering the standards becoming to young ladies of culture and refinement. The desire of the school is to develop a pattern of living that is truly democratic, and to create an atmosphere of refinement in manners and conduct.

A copy of the complete policies governing girls in the dormitory will be given students at the first house meeting after they enroll in college.

Girls are expected to be in their dormitories at 10:00 p. m. unless special permission is granted.

Quiet hour is observed on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30.

Girls are expected to check in and out when leaving and coming back to the campus.

A permit must be brought from home to the Dean of Women if a student expects to visit overnight, and a statement from the hostess saying that the student has been invited.

Study hour is observed from 7:15 to 9:45 p. m. Students must refrain from visiting or making noise during these hours.

The Recreation Hall is open daily, and one night special recreation is planned for the student body, and students may go twice a week to the downtown show.

Dating is permitted for shows and other recreation hours.

Lights out at 10:15 unless special permission has been obtained from the Dean of Women.

In each dormitory there is a complete kitchen, electric washing machine and dryer. Students are expected to keep the kitchen as clean as it belonged to them.

Ironing boards may be found in the laundry room or in hall closets.

Demerits will be given for constant infraction of the rules. Three demerits will be considered an offense, and an offense will be considered a campus or restriction.

We believe that the most valuable human assets are honesty, courtesy, and cooperation. If you exemplify these traits while you are here at PRC, the rules above will not restrict your freedom.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Mail:

Mail is delivered twice a day. You may obtain a postoffice box after you arrive or simply get your mail at the window which is open immediately after breakfast and at noon. Stamps may also be purchased at the Bookstore. Your mail should be addressed to you, Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, Mississippi.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning:

Laundry and dry cleaning are picked up at the Bookstore on Monday and Thursday. Local pressing shops also pick up clothes on a regular schedule. There is also a laundry near the school. Girl's dormitories have washing machines available for the use of those rooming there.

Lost and Found:

If you lose your billfold, misplace your fountain pen or leave your coat in a classroom, go to the main office where lost articles are turned in. Anything that you find of value should be turned in promptly to the main office. Notice of lost and found articles is usually posted on the bulletin boards.

Maintenance:

Should the plumbing, electrical or other fixtures in your room need repair, report this fact to the person in charge of your dormitory.

Medical Service

Dormitory students if sick or feeling badly should see the faculty member in charge of their dormitory. Dr. H. B. Cowart and his staff are the official college physicians. Your medical fee paid when you enrolled covers the professional services of the called physician, but all medicine is paid for by the student.

Bulletin Boards:

Important announcements are made at assembly each week. However, many items of interest are posted on the bulletin boards in the buildings and on the campus. Make it a habit to check the bulletin boards daily. The boards in the Administration building and in front of the sophomore boys' dormitory are reserved for administrative announcements.

Telephone and Telegraph:

There are pay telephones in each dormitory. You should tell your folks the telephone numbers where you can be reached easily. In case of emergency during class hours a student can be reached by calling the main office.

Telephone Numbers are:

College Office	SW 5-4571
President's Home	SW 5-4524
Dean's Office	SW 5-4252
Registrar's Office	SW 5-4252
Athletic Director	SW 5-4354
Baptist Student Union	SW 5-4771
Batson Hall (Freshmen Girls)	SW 5-9333
White Hall (Sophomore Girls)	SW 5-9331
Pearl River Hall (Freshman Boys)	SW 5-9325
Huff Hall (Sophomore Boys)	SW 5-9349

Bilbo Hall (Vet. Apts).....	SW 5-9322
Crosby Hall (Cafeteria).....	SW 5-4913
Public Relations Office.....	SW 5-4464

Telegraph service is available at the local Bus Station in Poplarville.

College Store:

A college bookstore is maintained for your convenience. It is located adjacent to the Recreation room in Batson Hall. Here you will find snacks as well as text books and school supplies.

Student Activity Card:

Your student activity card, which is issued to you after registration and payment of fees, entitles you to attend school athletic events without the purchase of a ticket. It is non-transferable, and can be used only by the person to whom it is issued. Be sure that you do not lose or misplace it.

Cafeteria:

Every effort has been made to meet the needs of the student in making the cafeteria schedule. Prompt attendance and cooperation of all students is expected. WE DO NOT CUT THE LINE AT THE CAFETERIA.

	Weekday	Sunday
Breakfast	7:00— 7:30	8:00— 8:30
Lunch	11:30—12:45	12:15—12:45
Supper	5:30— 6:15	None

Any change in the cafeteria schedule will be posted on the cafeteria bulletin board.

Train and Bus Schedule:

Due to the fact that train and bus schedules may be changed without notice there is little need to include them in this hand book. Current schedules are posted on the dormitory bulletin board.

Class Organization:

The second week of the school the assembly period is given over to class meetings, at which time class officers and sponsors are elected. At

this time the classes also elect one member to represent their class on the Student Council for the current year. Each class at this meeting also selects three members of the class to serve on the nominating committee that will nominate candidates for the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the student council.

Library:

The library is located on the second floor of Jacobs Hall, the high school building. It's a good place to go to study, and also to spend some time just reading for pleasure. You will probably find your home town newspaper, as well as many state and national newspapers. The latest magazines and books are available for your reading pleasure. You will be missing a lot if you don't find out what the library has to offer you.

Student Center:

The student center commonly called the "Rec-Hall" is located on the first floor of Batson Hall. There are ping pong tables, checkers and other games, and a TV set. It is a good place to go to meet old friends and make new ones.

Class Schedule:

Regular Periods

1	8:15.....	9:15
2	9:15.....	10:15
3	10:15.....	11:15
4	11:15.....	12:10
5	12:10.....	1:05
6	1:05.....	2:05
7	2:05.....	3:05
8	3:05.....	4:05

CAFETERIA

CAFETERIA—Noon High
School

Wednesday

1	8:15	9:05	
2	9:05	9:55	
X	9:55	10:45	ASSEMBLY
3	10:45	11:35	
4	11:35	12:25	CAFETERIA
5	12:25	1:15	CAFETERIA—Noon High School
6	1:15	2:10	
7	2:10	3:05	
8	3:05	4:05	

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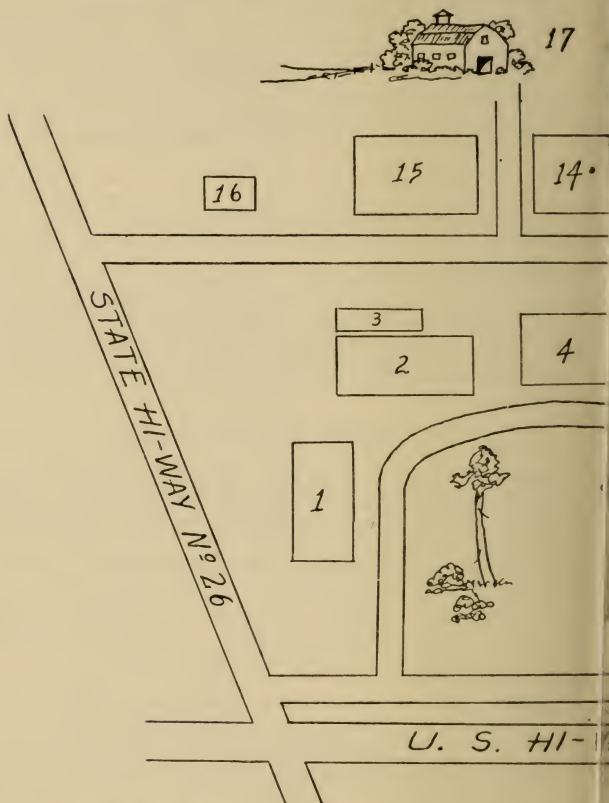
You will find much important information in your school catalogue. Keep it handy and read carefully when you want more information concerning academic and other problems.

COLLEGE TERMINOLOGY

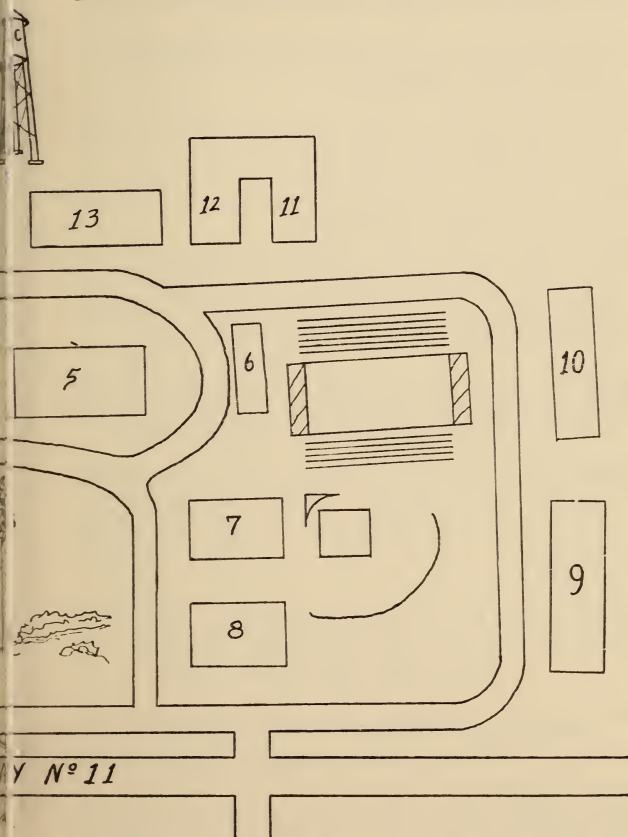
Academic Subjects: All subjects, except those listed as non-academic in the catalogue that count toward the requirements for graduation.

Non-Academic Subjects: Physical Education and Library Science are non-academic subjects. To graduate a student must earn four hours credit in non-academic subjects. No quality points are earned for non-academic subjects.

Credit: The value of a course toward graduation is counted in credits of semester hours. A course carries credit according to the hours a student spends in class each week; for example a course meeting one hour a day for three times each week will carry three semester hours credit. Laboratory courses consider the two hour laboratory period to equal one semester hour each.



1. Sophomore Girls Dormitory—2. Freshman Girls Dormitory, Reading Room and Library—3. Sophomore Boys' Dormitory—4. Science Bldg.—5. Apartments—6. Vocational Shops—7. Visual Aids and Mechanical Building—8. Cafeteria—9. President's Home—10. College Cultural Building—11. College Cultural Building—12. College Cultural Building—13. College Cultural Building—14. College Cultural Building—15. College Cultural Building—16. College Cultural Building—17. College Cultural Building



tion Hall and Television Room—3. Bookstore—4. High School Bldg.
 ministration Bldg., and Auditorium—8. Gymnasium—9. Veteran
 drawing—12. Fine Arts—13. Freshman Boys' Dormitory—14. Agri-
 arm.

Course of Study: The sequence of courses which a student takes in earning credit in his major field toward graduation.

Basic Requirement: The term used to designate courses that must be taken in order to meet requirements for graduation.

Major: The term applied to the subject in which a student decides to specialize.

Minor: The term applied to the secondary subject in which a student decides to specialize. It is usually closely related to his major; for example, major-physics; minor-mathematics.

Elective: The term used to denote any course which is not required and which the student may select from the subject area of his choice.

Course Number: Each subject is given a designated course number. Those numbered 100 and above are freshman courses and those numbered 200 and above are sophomore courses.

Quality Point Average for Graduation: The standard set for graduation is a quality point average of 1 or C average per hour of work.

Quality Point Average: The quotient of the total quality points divided by the total semester hours credits in which the grades A, B, C, D, and F are received.

Computation of Quality Point Average: In computing the quality point average the letter grades are given the following values: A=3, B=2, C = 1, D=0, F=failure. (minus -1)

Example:

Subject	Credit Hours	Grade	Points
English -----	3-----	B (2)	6
History -----	3-----	C (1)	3
Zoology -----	3-----	B (2)	6
Chemistry -----	4-----	A (3)	12
Education -----	3-----	A (3)	9
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Quality point average: 36 divided by 16 equals 2.25.

Honors: Students who earn a quality point average of 2.2 will be graduated with their diploma marked Honors.

Special Honors: Students who earn a quality point average of 2.6 will be graduated with their diploma marked Special Honors.

Alma Mater: Your school. Also used to refer to the school song.

Alumni: Graduates of a school.

Wildcats: The term used to denote our athletic teams.

The Wildcat: The annual yearbook of our school.

Dixie Drawl: Our school newspaper.

TRADITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Friendly School:

Our school is known as a friendly school. Former students always recall this friendly spirit of P.R.C., and visitors on our campus usually comment on the friendly atmosphere to be found here. Every student has a part in maintaining this tradition. We judge each other on individual character

and personality and not on the clothes we wear or the money we spend. We all speak, so be ready to say "Hi" when someone speaks to you. Remember "to have friends you've got to be one."

Alma Mater:

The words of our Alma Mater are printed inside the back cover of this book. It is one of the first things you want to learn at P.R.C. It embodies the spirit of our school. Stand, and sing it with pride.

Student Council Election:

One of the first important activities of the student body is the election of the vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Student Council. After the candidates are nominated we have a political rally and let each candidate present his platform and qualifications for office. When all the students participate in the election it becomes an enjoyable democratic activity.

Homecoming:

Homecoming, when "old grads" come back to meet former friends and see what we young ones are doing, has become one of the major traditions of Pearl River College. So many things take place that we have to start planning the events far in advance of the actual day.

We first elect a Homecoming Queen and Maids. This is done by popular vote of the student body. Every girl student is eligible for this honor, and everyone secretly hopes she will be chosen. The Queen and Maids ride at the head of the Homecoming Parade in the afternoon, the Queen is crowned at the football game that night, and they lead the grand march at the Homecoming Dance after the game.

The Homecoming Parade, which takes place the afternoon of homecoming, has become one of the big events of the day. The Queen and Maids ride at the head of the parade which is made up of floats of school organizations, civic groups, and business concerns. Prizes are given for the best entries and there is always keen competition for the honor of winning. Taking part in the parade is one of the most enjoyable student activities of homecoming.

Just before the game the Queen and Maids enter the stadium and the Queen is crowned by the president of the Alumni Association. The game is usually one of the best home games of the season, and we turn out in full force and cheer our team to victory so that our visitors won't go home disappointed.

Following the game is the annual Homecoming Dance for the alumni and students. The dance ends the homecoming activities and those who have taken part in the day's events can say "they had a hectic but happy day."

Christmas Dance:

Sometime during the week preceeding the Christmas holidays, one of the campus organizations sponsors a dance for the student body. It is one of the formal dances held during the year and is looked forward to as an annual event.

Who's Who at P. R. C.

Each year, near the end of the first semester, the student council holds the annual Who's Who Contest. By this time the students have gotten to know each other and they bestow recognition upon certain students by electing them to places in the Who's Who for the year. Those elected are featured in the school year book.

Sadie Hawkins Week:

One of the events of the school year is Sadie Hawkins week. The date is as near as possible to the date in the comic strip "Lil' Abner," from which it gets its name. During this week the usual pattern is reversed and the girls ask for dates, buy the cokes, and pay the show fare. "Lil' Abner" and "Daisy Mae" are elected by popular vote and they preside over the dance which winds up the week's activities.

Mardi Gras:

Going to the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans is a privilege given the graduating sophomores and graduating seniors. Regulations concerning attendance of this event are posted in ample time to enable the students to make their plans.

Senior Day:

Sometime during the spring semester we have our annual Senior Day. At this time the senior class from the high schools in this area are invited to spend the day on the Pearl River College campus. We look forward to this day because we get a chance to make new friends, interest new students in our school, and we also get a holiday.

Junior-Senior Prom:

An annual event during the spring is the Junior-Senior Prom when the junior class honors the seniors with a dance.

Election of the Student Council President:

During the last six weeks of the spring semester the student body elects a Student Council President to take office at the beginning of the next year. As the president is required by the Student Association Constitution to be a sophomore, they must be chosen from the present freshman class. The campaign and election are held in the same

manner as the election at the beginning of the year. Competition is always keen as the student body selects a worthy person for this high office.

CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION

There are many organizations on the campus to help make college life more profitable and enjoyable. No student should try to belong to all of them, but should select those organization in which they can do the best work and then be an active member rather than a mere "joiner." Remember that academic work comes first and don't get loaded down with outside activities that will interfere with regular school work.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

As such there are no exclusive social organizations at Pearl River Junior College. The social life on the campus is organized to include all students, and everyone is urged to participate. The recreation hall is open daily, show night at least once a week, and one night each week is given over to organized recreation planned by a class or student organization. Every effort is made to foster the social growth of every student.

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

Band:

Students who have some previous experience are urged to join the college band which plays for all athletic events and other student activities. Several off-campus trips are taken annually. This organization offers an excellent opportunity for those who wish to further their musical training. For participation in band two academic hours are earned each year.

Glee Club:

Membership in the Glee Club is open to all students. It includes training in sight reading, operatic work, sacred and secular choruses, and music appreciation. Some of the activities in which the Glee Club participates are concerts and special programs given on the campus and in communities of the school district. The Glee Club usually participates in the state choral festival.

Academic credit of two semester hours per year can be earned for this activity.

Home Economics:

The Home Economics Club is an organization open to students taking home economics and to those interested in the field. Its purpose is to develop more useful, all-round citizens of the home, community, state, and nation.

Science Club:

The Science Club is an organization for the purpose of encouraging scientific study and promoting interest in scientific matters. It offers an opportunity for increased fellowship, cooperation and experimentation in the physical and biological sciences. All science students are encouraged to join this club, but membership is open to the entire student body.

Speech and Dramatics Club:

The Speech and Dramatics Club is an organization for the development of school and civic interest in speech and dramatics as a means of education and entertainment. It helps to develop an appreciation for the best in dramatic entertainment and offers an opportunity for self-expression to those who participate. Membership is open to all students who are interested in training and practice in these activities.

Business Club:

The purpose of this organization is to create an interest in and an understanding of the business world, to encourage each member to develop himself to a higher level of leadership, personality and service, and to participate in worthwhile undertakings for the improvement of the school, of the community, and of business life. Any student taking more than one course in business may join. Meetings are held twice a month.

The Dixie Drawl:

The Dixie Drawl is the student newspaper which is published monthly under the sponsorship of a faculty member. The editor and assistant editor are selected at the beginning of each school year by the sponsor, from the members of the journalism class and other interested students. The staff is composed of students in both the high school and college department. Positions on the staff may be obtained by contacting either the sponsor or editor.

The Wildcat:

The Wildcat is the annual publication of the students of Pearl River Junior College, under the sponsorship of a faculty member. It is a picture-book which serves as a history of the year's activities in school. All students, in both the high school and college departments are invited to take part in the preparation of the book. The editor and assistant editors are elected by the staff at the first staff meeting of the year. Other positions are appointed by the sponsor and editors. Typists and students talented in art and photography are especially needed.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Baptist Student Union:

The Baptist Student Union is a church-centered movement which seeks to link campus life with the life of the church for the purpose of training Baptist young people for Christian leadership in the church and in society. A student automatically becomes a member of the B. S. U. when he joins a Baptist church in the college area or one or more of the unit organizations of that church, such as Sunday school, training union, and prayer meeting.

Fellowship:

Fellowship is a non-denominational devotional service held on every Tuesday night immediately following supper. The programs, consisting of short talks, meditation, prayer and singing, are at various times in charge of student organizations, individual students, faculty members, local ministers, or visiting speakers.

Morning Watch:

Morning Watch is a morning devotional held five mornings a week Monday through Friday for a short period just before first period classes. The meetings consisting of songs, prayers, and short talks are held in the small auditorium.

Morning Watch is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, and everybody is invited to attend.

The Catholic Club:

The Catholic Club is an organization of Catholic culture and Catholic Fellowship that fosters the spiritual, intellectual, and social interests of the Catholic students of Pearl River Junior College. Membership in the Catholic Club is both regular and honorary. Regular membership is open to all Catholic students, men and women, of Pearl River

College. Honorary membership to all such college persons as shall be elected by unanimous vote of the Catholic Club.

Wesley Foundation:

The Wesley Foundation is a Christian organization for Methodist students and others who desire this affiliation. It, in cooperation with local churches, provides experiences of worship and courses in religious education. It strives to develop intelligent Christian citizens and churchmen and offers opportunities of religious growth. Wesley Foundation is an excellent recruitment center for Christian vocations. Meetings are held once a week in the Wesley Foundation office, with the pastor and director in attendance.

Y. W. A.

Young Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary organization for unmarried women between the ages of 16 and 25. The purpose of the auxiliary is to unite Baptist young women to study about missions in program and study courses in fellowship and service.

The primary interest of the Y. W. A. is missions, but it encourages wholesome balanced Christian life in every respect. Although organized for Baptists it is open to all young women of other denominations. Meetings are held weekly.

Y-Teens:

The Y-Teens is an inter-denominational organization for high school girls whose purpose is to foster their spiritual growth. Meetings are held weekly and excellent training in leadership and service is given through participation in this activity.

STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION

Believing that democracy and citizenship can best be learned by active participation in solving the problems that continually arise, the administration and faculty give wholehearted support to the Student Body Association, and their executive body the Student Council. This does not mean that the policy making function is delegated to students, but it does mean that the administration, faculty and Student Body work cooperatively to solve their common problems.

Every student is urged to take an active part in his Student Body Association. If he feels qualified he should become a candidate for an office on the Student Council. Above all every student should exercise his right of "Citizenship" and vote in every election.

CONSTITUTION OF PEARL RIVER JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Pearl River Junior College Student Body Association.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the organization shall be:

1. To aid in the enforcement of the rules made by the Policy Committee.

2. To promote the general welfare of the school.
3. To create and maintain standards of good citizenship among the students.
4. To create opportunities for closer cooperation between students and faculty.
5. To promote extra curricular activities of the student body and to develop and maintain school spirit.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Organization

Section 1.

All students who are regularly enrolled in Pearl River College are eligible for membership.

Section 2.

The executive committee of the student body shall be known as the Student Council.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary and Treasurer
4. One representative from each class.

Section 2.

The president shall be a college sophomore in good standing and shall be elected by the student body at large.

Section 3.

The vice-president shall be a student in good standing, and shall be elected by the student body at large.

Section 4.

The secretary and treasurer shall be one officer and shall be filled by a student in good standing, elected by the student body at large.

Section 5.

The class representative shall be one in number who is elected by the class.

Section 6.

The complete slate of officer candidates must be in the upper third of the class and must be approved by the faculty committee.

NOTE:

Transfer students from other schools are not eligible for elective office until they have attended Pearl River College one semester.

ARTICLE V**Section 1.**

The duties of the president shall be:

1. The president shall preside over the Student Council meetings.
2. The president shall appoint the chairman of all committees, and they in turn shall select others to serve with them.

Section 2.

1. The vice-president shall preside over the Council in the absence of the president.
2. The vice-president shall be chairman of the program committee.

Section 3.

1. The secretary-treasurer shall keep the records of an organization and shall keep a record of all money received and disbursed.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

The Student Council shall meet every Thursday or as often as the president shall call meetings.

ARTICLE VII

Powers

Section 1.

The Student Council shall have authority to appoint any committee necessary for proper functioning of the organization.

Section 2.

The Student Council shall have authority to make recommendations to the administration of the school for the promotion of any enterprise considered necessary for the welfare of the school and for carrying out the purpose of the organization as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments To The Constitution

This constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the council and approved by the majority of the classes.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

A two-thirds majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II

Elections

Section 1.

The class representative shall be elected by the majority of the students in the class.

Section 2.

The president of the Student Body Association shall be elected by the majority of the student body. In the event that no student receives a majority of votes in the election, a second election shall be held at which time the two students with the highest votes shall be voted upon.

Section 3.

There shall be a nominating convention composed of three members from each class appointed by the president of the class.

Section 4.

The officers of the Student Council shall be elected on Tuesday of the third week of the first month of the school year.

Section 5.

The length of the officers term shall be for the school term and until election of new officers the following school year.

Section 6.

All elections will be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE III

Vacancies shall be filled by a special election called by the Student Council.

ARTICLE IV

A member of the Student Council may be impeached for failure to perform the duties of the office to which he has been elected in good faith by his fellow students.

A petition from any member of the organization bearing the signature of twenty-five per cent of the organization's strength will necessitate a special referendum vote at a special meeting of the student body at large called by the president within five days.

A majority vote will convict and evict a Council member.

ARTICLE V

A report submitted by the Student Council of the progress and achievement shall be made annually to the student body assembly, a copy of which shall be given to the president of the school.

ARTICLE VI

The by-laws shall be amended on approval of two-thirds vote of the Council and approval of majority of the Student Body.

AMENDMENT I

Selection of Queen and Maids for Homecoming Celebration

The Student Body of Pearl River High School and Junior College shall select one female student to serve as Homecoming Queen and two female students who will serve as Maids to the aforesaid Queen. Nominations shall be made by write-in ballot. Each member of the Student Body shall vote for any three persons whom they wish placed as candidates. The six candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall run in a second primary.

In the second primary, the person receiving the largest number of votes shall be acclaimed Queen. The two receiving the greatest number of runner-up votes shall be acclaimed Maids.

The Homecoming Queen and her maids shall be selected at least two weeks prior to the Homecoming day celebration. Election of Queen and Maids shall be conducted by members of the Student Council.

AMENDMENT II

Selection of Cheerleaders for

Pearl River Junior College Student Body

The Student Body of Pearl River High School and Junior College shall select five students to serve as Cheerleaders each year.

Candidates for entry will register with Student Association. Try-outs will be held at a general Student Body assembly. Election will be by secret ballot. The election will be conducted by representatives of the Student Council.

AMENDMENT III

Election of a Student Council President for Pearl River Junior College Association.

This section shall amend article 2, section 4, as to the time of election of the President of Student Body.

The qualifications and method of electing shall remain the same.

The time shall be changed to the last six-weeks of the school term preceding the date of his taking office. Election dates to be set by the Student Council in executive session.

BACK THE TEAM

School spirit is judged by the way students back their teams. To "boo" the opposing team, or the officials, and to gripe if a game is lost is not the way to support our team. The cheer leaders cannot do the job alone. They were elected by the student body, and it is the moral responsibility of every student to help in cheering the team to victory.

CHEERS

Yea Wildcats!
Say Wildcats!
We're betting on ya!

W - W

I - I

L - L

D - D

C - C

A - A

T - T

S - S

Yea Wildcats!

Two bits, four bits,
Six bits, a dollar
All for the Wildcats
Stand up and holler!

Fight—Hold, Maroon—Gold,
(three times)

Fight Fight! Fight!

End, center, tackle, guard,
Hit your man and hit him hard!
Hit him high, hit him low,
Come on Wildcats, let's go!

Locomotive! Locomotive!
Steam! Steam!
Pull together, Pull together,
Team! Team!

(Repeat three times)

Fight team fight!
Fight team fight!
Fight team, fight team,
Fight! Fight! Fight!

Beat me Daddy, eight to the bar,
They've got a team that won't go far.
Swing me Baby with a boogie beat,
We've got a team that can't be beat.

Zip, Zip, Zap, Zap,
Wildcats! Wildcats!
Clap, clap, clap.
(three times)

Victory! Victory!
Is our cry.
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
Will we win it?
Well I guess!
Wildcats! Wildcats!
Yes! Yes! Yes!

Yea!
Wildcats!

Wildcats! Wildcats!
Come on through,
We're gonna root and yell for you.
We've got the team,
We've got the pep,
Come on Wildcat's, let's get hep!

When you're up you're up,
When you're down you're down.
When you're up against the Wildcats
You're upside down!

POPLARVILLE JR. HIGH SCHOOL**Poplarville, Mississippi****Football Schedule****1955-56**

Sumrall	here	Sept. 2
Ocean Springs	here	Sept. 9
Lumberton	here	Sept. 16
Petal	there	Sept. 23
Purvis	here	Sept. 30
Brooklyn	here (Homecoming)	Oct. 7
Ellisville	there	Oct. 14
Bay St. Louis	there	Oct. 21
Lucedale	there	Nov. 4
Leakesville	there	Nov. 11

PEARL RIVER COLLEGE SCHEDULE 1955

Date	Opponent	Place
September 10	Hinds	Picayune
September 17	Summit	Summit
September 24	Ittawamba	Ittawamba
October 2	Wesson	Wesson
October 8	Booneville	Poplarville
October 15	Perkinston	Poplarville
October 22	Open	
October 29	Ellisville	Ellisville
November 5	Tulane Freshmen (Homecoming)	Poplarville
November 12	Decatur	Poplarville

MEMORANDUM

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ALMA MATER

(Tune—The Bells of St. Mary's)

O! Pearl River College

We're loyal to you.

To our Alma-Mater,

We're faithful and true.

You stand on the hills with

The tall swaying Pine.

The Symbol of all honor

You'll be thru all time.

You stand for the highest

and we will uphold,

Your standards and colors

Of maroon and gold,

And where 'ere we wander

From these halls so dear,

The clear call of our college

We will always hear.

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